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## Corps Temporarily Raises Pool Restriction at Success

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**Sacramento, CA(May 20, 2008):** Effective immediately, Army Corps of Engineers officials will allow a temporary increase of elevation of up to 623 feet in the reservoir behind Success Dam. The existing pool restriction is at 620 feet. The temporary increase will provide an additional 3,000 acre feet of water for public use.

"The current unseasonably warm weather is causing an early melting of the snowpack located in the watershed above the dam," said Wayne Johnson, Corps water manager. "The available water will also help offset the current dry conditions we're experiencing. And it will make water available that would have entered the water system later in the year, in normal snowpack melting conditions," he added.

"We've been able to determine that this increase of the pool will pose no safety risks as long as it is confined to a 21 day period," said Col. Thomas Chapman, commander of the Sacramento District, which is responsible for Success Dam. "Safety is our most important issue in our management of the dam. Through our latest analysis of modeling information and current snow pack and weather conditions, we've determined that temporarily increasing the water level to 623 feet can be done with no significant increase in risk to the public. "

The pool restrictions were put in place as a safety measure while Corps personnel assess the seismic stability of the dam and make a determination of what remedial actions need to be taken to strengthen the dam.

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